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WARSAW FOR LISA PIASCIK
CIUDAD JUAREZ FOR DONNA BLAIR
OSLO FOR HELENA SCHRADER
ISTANBUL FOR TASHAWNA SMITH
SAO PAULO FOR ANDREW WITHERSPOON
DOE FOR GPERSON, CAROLYN GAY
TREASURY FOR ASEVERENS, SRENENDER, DFIELDS
COMMERCE FOR KBURRESS
STATE PASS USTR FOR ASST USTR FLISER
STATE PASS TRANSPORTATION FOR MARAD
STATE PASS OPIC FOR ZHAN AND MSTUCKART
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STATE PASS EXIM FOR JRICHTER
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SUBJECT: RIVERS KIDNAPPERS UP THE ANTE: ABDUCT BRITISH CHILD

REF: LAGOS 412

¶1. (U) Rivers State police confirmed that on July 5, a three-year-old British girl, was kidnapped in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, on her way to school. This is the second time expatriate children have been kidnapped in the Niger Delta; the first incident involved two Indian children who were abducted with two women and six men on July 1 in Port Harcourt (Reftel). Two incidents involving Nigerian children also recently took place in Port Harcourt. In early June, a child was kidnapped from his mother on his way to school; no details are known about his release. On June 26, gunmen abducted the three-year-old son of a Rivers State House of Assembly member in Port Harcourt as he entered school. There is no indication that this child has been released.

¶2. (U) On July 4, in an unrelated incident, two New Zealand nationals, one Australian, one Lebanese and one Venezuelan national, were abducted from a Lone Star Nigeria Ltd. rig in Rivers State. Lone Star is a subcontractor for Shell Petroleum Development Company.

¶3. (SBU) Comment: The recent kidnapping of expatriate and Nigerian children marks a noticeable change in criminal/militant operations in the Niger Delta. However,

thus far these attacks have been focused in Port Harcourt,
the capital of Rivers State. End Comment.
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